

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein the educational standing is measured by number, type, or both number and type, of lessons completed.
3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein the student takes a path through materials available for examination and educational standing is measured at least once by reference to the path taken by the student through materials available for examination.
4. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein the step of presenting a lesson comprises transmitting information over a network.
5. (original) Method according to claim 4, wherein the network comprises a public-access, packet-switched network.
6. (previously presented) In a method of presenting educational lessons on a display, the improvement comprising:
 - a) making an assessment of the educational standing of a person utilizing the display;
 - b) selecting a list of lessons available;
 - c) based on the assessment, identifying lessons available to the person and displaying corresponding icons on the display; and
 - d) accepting selection of an icon from the person, and presenting the chosen lesson;wherein some courses on the list are not represented by icons.

7. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6 ~~claim 1~~, wherein some courses on the list are represented by icons, but selection of such icons causes no display of a corresponding lesson.

8. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a) a computer system, which includes presentation means for presenting audio-visual information to students;

b) multiple, different courses, stored in the computer system, each comprising a collection of lessons;

c) for each student in a group, a student data model, which contains information describing the student's educational status;

d) for each course, a course structure file, which indicates

i) which lessons in the course can be taken by the student without restriction, and

ii) which lessons require prerequisite courses be taken first;

e) framework software means ~~which~~ for

i) ~~identifies~~ identifying a student,

ii) ~~examines~~ examining (1) that student's data model and (2) the course structure, and,

iii) based on the examination, ~~makes~~ making a determination of options to display to the student, and

iv) ~~displays~~ displaying the options.

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13. (original) A system, comprising:
- a) means for presenting icons on a display;
 - b) means for detecting selection of an icon and, in response, presenting educational lessons on the display;
 - c) means for ascertaining whether a student of the lessons has reached a predetermined level of education and, if so,
 - i) presenting additional icons on the display; and
 - ii) removing other icons from the display.
14. (currently amended) A system, comprising:
- a) ~~storage means~~ a storage device for storing educational lessons, in computer-readable format, each lesson comprising at least one sequence of video frames;
 - b) ~~server means~~ a server computer, having access to the storage device means;
 - c) first software means, running on the server computer means, for transferring a data packet to a remote computer,
 - i) said data packet containing a set of lesson-icons, each of which, when actuated, delivers signals to the server computer means, causing the server computer means to retrieve a respective lesson from the storage device means, and transmit the lesson to the remote computer, and

ii) said first software means utilizing a public-access, packet-switched network to transfer the packet;

d) second software means, running on the server computer means, for determining whether a person participating in a lesson at the remote computer has achieved a predetermined educational background and, if so, transferring additional lesson-icons, which induce transfer of additional lessons.

15. (original) System according to claim 14, and further comprising

e) a plurality of remote computers, each of which is operated by a different student, and

f) a plurality of displays, one associated with each respective remote computer,

i) each display of which presents a collection of icons representing courses available to the respective student, and

ii) the content of each collection is determined by the first software means, or the second software means, or both.

16. (currently amended) Method according to claim 6 ~~claim 4~~, and further comprising the steps of (1) detecting the arrival of predetermined periods in time and (2) during said periods, refraining from making lessons available to the display.

17. (canceled)

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